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Applicant

: CHOU et al.

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Title

: Welding Flux for Use in Arc-Welding of Stainless Steels,

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Welding Flux

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Examiner

: D. J. Jenkins

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action of December 15, 2004, in connection with the above-identified application. This response is timely filed.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.